

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHALL NEWS RELEASE

The Marshall Board of Education met in regular session March 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Office. Six board members; seven administrators; certified personnel of the district; Eric Crump, representing Democrat News; and Ken Lewellen, representing KMMO were present.

The board approved the minutes of the February 22 regular board meeting, the March bills totaling \$416,276.36, the financial report, and the second reading of MSBA Policies.

Dr. Noah reported the MSBA Region 5 meeting is Thursday, April 21 in Carrollton. Registration is at 6:00 p.m.

Erin Oligschlaeger, Director of Special Services, reported she had advertised for bids for the district's physical therapy services. Four bids were received and upon Mrs. Oligschlaeger's recommendation the board approved to accept the bid from Peak Performance.

Monte Holder, Technology Director, gave the annual technology program review. Areas reviewed were student performance, highly qualified staff, facilities, support, and instruction resources, parent and community involvement, and governance. The board approved the technology program review.

Dr. Noah reported DESE, at this time, is planning on funding summer school for public school districts this year. In order to meet state requirements, schools must hold the summer session for 20 days and 120 hours. Upon his recommendation, the board approved to hold summer school for grades K-12 June 6-July 1. Grades K-7 will be held at Bueker Middle School and Grades 8-12 will be at Marshall High School.

Derek Lark, Director of Saline County Career Center, reported Greg Kempf had advertised for a project for his Building Trades class for the 2011-12 school year. One bid was received from Uthel Griffitt to build a 2,400 square foot home in the amount of \$5.00 per square foot on Ladder Ave. The board accepted Mr. Griffitt's bid.

Rendy Maupin, District Testing Coordinator, gave the annual testing program review. Areas reviewed were goals and tests that will be given this year. The board approved the testing program review.

The board approved the Prairie View State School Cooperative Agreement. The district has been using half of the Prairie View State School for the Early Childhood Program. The district provides the following provisions: pays \$1,112 per month for utilities, provides custodial services, lawn care, security system and other smaller services as required.

Dr. Noah reported the district has received a 4.7% increase from our current health provider Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield. The current rate is \$452 per employee. With the increase it would be \$474 which would cost the district \$90,854. If the deductible was increased from \$500 to \$1,000, the monthly premium would be \$451 and would save the district \$4,116. The board approved the \$451 bid from Anthem/Blue Cross Blue Shield raising the deductible to \$1,000.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Monday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. to finalize budget reductions.

Dr. Noah reported public schools are required to meet 14 days after an election to certify the results. The April board meeting is scheduled for April 26 which is past the 14 day requirement. The board approved to have their April meeting on April 19.

In executive session the board accepted the resignations of Emily King, 6th Grade Teacher; Dianna Fitzgerald, MHS Guidance/A+ Secretary; Amanda Tracy, Freshman Volleyball; and Jodie Houchin, Assistant Girls Basketball. They approved the termination of Christina George, MHS Custodian, and the employment of Julie Henks, 1st Grade Teacher; Theresa Gittens, 3rd Grade Teacher; Toni Brundage, BMS Special Education Teacher and Assistant Girls Basketball; Paula Tieman, 6th Grade Teacher and Freshman Volleyball; Renee Vaught, Early Childhood Director; Darlene Ritter, MHS Custodian; Stan Henderson, MHS Head Softball; Michael Varner, MHS Assistant Softball; Ian Verts, MHS Assistant Varsity Football; and Amanda Tracy, Assistant Volleyball. They also approved changing the Activities Director to a part-time position.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next regular board meeting of the Marshall Board of Education is April 19 at 7:00 p.m.